

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## STATE SENATE

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U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Chad Meredith as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Members of the Committee:

We, the majority leadership of the Kentucky Senate, write to express our strong support for the confirmation of former Kentucky Solicitor General Chad Meredith to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

In a career including tenures as Chief Deputy General Counsel for the Governor of Kentucky, then as Kentucky's first-ever Solicitor General (overseeing all civil and criminal appellate litigation involving the Commonwealth while leading a team of nearly 30 appellate lawyers), Mr. Meredith has proved himself to be an ardent defender of the legislature's role as the branch of government that sets policy and enacts the law. In working hand in hand with Mr. Meredith representing the Commonwealth defending Acts of the General Assembly, we have found him to be deliberate, intelligent, fair-minded, and diligent. His demeanor and experience will bring to the bench a distinct and vital perspective that includes a thorough understanding of the legislative process.

Mr. Meredith's commitment to the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law are as rock-solid as are his qualifications to serve as judge. Following graduation from the University of Kentucky College of Law, he served as law clerk to Judge John M. Rogers on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Judge Amul R. Thapar on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky – the district for which he has been nominated. He served as Chairman of the Litigation Section of the Kentucky Bar Association and as a member of the Kentucky Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights before joining the Governor's office and eventually being named Solicitor General.

Mr. Meredith's litigation experience, commitment to improving our system of justice, and dedication to the Constitution make him exceptionally well-suited for the position to which he has been nominated. For all these reasons, we offer our strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Meredith to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. We hope that the Senate will confirm Mr. Meredith quickly.

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Sincerely,

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